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This is a response to the Election of Species mailed January 24, 2006 for the above-identified application. A response is due by February 24, 2006.

For initial examination on the merits applicants elect the species of fluorescent nucleic acid-binding dye (claims 7 and 21).

With respect to claims 9 and 13, applicants elect the species 1520-US.

With respect to claims 10 and 14, applicants elect the species 1520-US and O-30.